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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HLS*

RE: Site Inspection, W. K. Enterprises, Dunn Mine, S/037/017 Mine, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: March 17, 1992
Time of Inspection: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Conditions: Cloudy, cool
Participants: Holland Shepherd, DOGM

The purpose of this site inspection was to evaluate the condition of the Dunn mine site. The Division received a citizens complaint from an adjacent landowner claiming that the site was in a mess, the portal was open, there were some hazardous materials that had been dumped on site and the site needed to be cleaned up and possibly reclaimed.

Upon reaching the site, it was fairly evident that the landowner complaints were well founded. The site looks like a garbage dump. The decline which is about 15-feet high and about 12-feet wide is open. There are no signs warning the public to keep away from the entrance. It is easily accessed and it does pose a public safety.

The two metal buildings that were on the site at one time, have been demolished. There is a large amount of trash including metal, wood, insulation, cans, bottles, etc. that has been strewn around the site. It appears that somebody very hastily came onto the site and demolished the buildings, taking what was salvageable and valuable and simply left everything else lying on the ground.

There are a large number of tires which have been left on the property. There are the remains of 5 or 6 car batteries or equipment batteries lying on the ground; there is evidence that some oil has been spilled; there is a small oil reservoir which was used as part of a machine shop, it is concrete lined, but it is now exposed to the air. There are two areas where trash, including pieces of clothing, bottles, cans, wood, and paper have been piled up and left in place.

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I found some trash on the site in a large plastic garbage bag. Envelopes and letters in the bag indicated that trash, at one time, belonged to Mr. William and Mrs. Ilene Johnston of Moab. I have collected some of the evidence of their contribution and will make it available to the file.

Because the site is in a poorly maintained condition, it does pose a public and environmental hazard. The Division will have to act to see that these problems are remedied.

I contacted the operator, Ms. Wilene Shumway, shortly after making this inspection. I was told that she would do everything she could to have the site cleaned up. She has contacted a Mr. Johnny Redd Johnston, the individual responsible for demolishing the buildings at the Dunn. Mr. Johnston is the same Mr. Johnston who left the sack of trash on the site. She also indicated that she would try to get one of her sons out to the site to take care of the remaining trash. The Shumways may also decide to seal up the portal and grade out the waste dumps during the cleanup. At the least she indicated that the portal would be relocked.

I recommend that the Division wait one month, to see that these steps are carried out, before taking any further action.

Some portions of this site are located on BLM property. The Division has already contacted the San Juan Resource area about the problems at the Dunn mine site.

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